

Notice of Allowability

Application No.

09/882,099

Examiner

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Applicant(s)

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-- The MAILING DATE of this communication appears on the cover sheet with the correspondence address--

All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85) or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. **THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS.** This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.

1. ☒ This communication is responsive to 10 June 2005.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 22-42 (Now renumbered as 1-21).
3. ☒ The drawings filed on 15 June 2001 are accepted by the Examiner.
4. ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
 - a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some* c) ☐ None of the:
 1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
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 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this national stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

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Applicant has THREE MONTHS FROM THE "MAILING DATE" of this communication to file a reply complying with the requirements noted below. Failure to timely comply will result in ABANDONMENT of this application.
THIS THREE-MONTH PERIOD IS NOT EXTENDABLE.

5. ☐ A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
 6. ☐ CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
 - (a) ☐ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
 - 1) ☐ hereto or 2) ☐ to Paper No./Mail Date _____.
 - (b) ☐ including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No./Mail Date _____.
- Identifying indicia such as the application number (see 37 CFR 1.84(c)) should be written on the drawings in the front (not the back) of each sheet. Replacement sheet(s) should be labeled as such in the header according to 37 CFR 1.121(d).
7. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

Attachment(s)

1. ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
2. ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
3. ☒ Information Disclosure Statements (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08),
Paper No./Mail Date 6/10/2005
4. ☐ Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit
of Biological Material
5. ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
6. ☒ Interview Summary (PTO-413),
Paper No./Mail Date 8/1/2005
7. ☒ Examiner's Amendment/Comment
8. ☐ Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance
9. ☐ Other _____


BRIAN NGUYEN
PRIMARY EXAMINER

DETAILED ACTION

Response to Amendment/Arguments

1. This Office Action is in response to the Response/Amendment filed on June 10th, 2005. Claims 1-21 are now canceled. Claims 22-42 are now pending in the application.

EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

2. An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Attorney **Louis Sickles II** (Reg# 45,803) on **August 1st, 2005**.

The application has been amended as follows:

IN THE CLAIM:

The following change to the claims 30 and 39 have been approved by the examiner and agreed upon by applicant:

Regarding claim 30, line 2, substitute the hyphen "-" between the words "network" and "having" to an empty space.

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Regarding claim 39, line 6, substitute the word “army” right in front of the phrase “of N output ports” to -- array --.

Corrections are required.

Conclusion

3. The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure.

Cusani et al. (“A recursive multistage structure for multicast ATM switching”, INFOCOM '91. Proceedings. Tenth Annual Joint Conference of the IEEE Computer and Communications Societies. Networking in the 90s. IEEE 7-11 April 1991, vol.3, page(s):1289 – 1295, Digital Object Identifier 10.1109/INFCOM.1991.147653), **Bernabei et al.** (“On non-blocking properties of parallel delta networks”, INFOCOM '88. Networks: Evolution or Revolution? Proceedings. Seventh Annual Joint Conference of the IEEE Computer and Communications Societies., IEEE 27-31 March 1988, page(s):326 – 333, Digital Object Identifier 10.1109/INFCOM.1988.12934), **Saidi et al.** (“Nonblocking multi-channel switching in ATM networks”, Communications, 1994. ICC 94, SUPERCOMM/ICC '94, Conference Record, Serving Humanity Through Communications. IEEE International Conference on 1-5 May 1994, Vol. 1, page(s):415 – 419, Digital Object Identifier 10.1109/ICC.1994.368981) and **Okayama et al.** (“Two-module stage optical switch network”, Lightwave Technology, Journal of Volume 18, Issue 4, April 2000, page(s):469 – 476, Digital Object Identifier 10.1109/50.838120) are all cited to show devices and methods for improving packet-switched self-routing multistage

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networks in the telecommunication architectures, which are considered pertinent to the claimed invention.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Tri H. Phan, whose telephone number is (571) 272-3074. The examiner can normally be reached on M-F (8:00-4:30).

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Chau T. Nguyen can be reached on (571) 272-3126.

Any response to this action should be mailed to:

Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks

Washington, D.C. 20231

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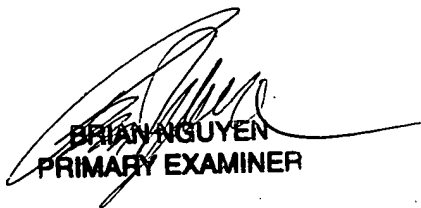
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